

Minutes of the **April 9, 2012**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, and members Michael Erfourth, Joni Forster, Paul Heimnick, Crystal Smith, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson.

Members Absent: Shaffer Fox and JoEllen Hartley

Guests Present: Clark Shanahan and Michael Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson Brewer noted the passing of former Commission member, Jack O. Dvorak. The family has designated the Historical Commission Endowment fund as a memorial.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of March 12, 2012 was made by Weckwert and supported by Heimnick. Approved.

The financial report will be postponed until the May meeting, due to time constraints of the receipt of bank statements.

Members asked for future agenda packets to be e-mailed rather than sent through the postal service. Member Smith asked to have her packet mailed.

The Curwood Castle lighting topic will be postponed until May.

Member Weckwert brought a walking tour booklet mock up. Speedy Print has given a quote of 1000 booklets for \$398.00. The members have been e-mailed the text and were encouraged to e-mail any corrections to Lorraine. Discussion on including photographs. Discussion on a long and narrow format rather than a square format.

It was noted that D. Shorter from the Railroad Institute will visit the Castle to view the train set collection to determine an interest in obtaining any items.

In discussion of the Gould House inventory, members agreed to start with a fresh updated inventory of items at the Gould House. The 1993 card file will be updated to reflect current holdings. A listing of items on loan from several parties has been submitted to the city treasurer. Member Weckwert will coordinate the replacement of pieces necessary in the apartments. It was noted that \$2,000 was budgeted in the Gould House building and grounds line item for apartment updates, when necessary.

Motion by Wilson to designate a staff person be present during Gould House rentals. Support by Erfourth and carried.

Members postponed until May the discussion of staffing a book table of Curwood volumes during the Festival. Concern for available volunteers being the reason.

Member Weckwert agreed to be the contact person for school tours at the Gould House.

Chair Brewer reported the available Castle brochures in stock were less than required for MDOT to place at the visitor centers.

Councilperson Erfourth brought attention to the trover app which assists in community wayfinding.

Members decided to visit the basement following the meeting to view its contents.

Motion to adjourn by Erfourth, seconded by Forster at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey